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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Shred-it will be at our office on Oct 11. *See page 2.*
- * Fall pool has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

I learned last week of the pending retirement of Jim Conroy. Jim has been in charge of Parks and Recreation for an area that includes Ward 2 and most of the east side.

Jim has been in the job for my terms on the council and he's been a great example of quiet public service. As all of you know, I've got a great interest in youth sports and Jim and I have worked together on a number of projects here on the east side to improve the excellent facilities we have.

He's also been very accessible, not least because his office is on the other side of the parking lot from mine. Even without that, he's never been more than a phone call away when I get reports from the public about troubles at our parks. He and his staff have been excellent and responsive.

I don't know who will be replacing Jim, but I hope he or she realizes that his are big shoes to fill.

I attended the Ruby Jubilee

Celebration for Therapeutic Riding of Tucson. TROT (clever choice of initials) started back in 1974 by a group of women who thought using horses would be a good way to help the disabled. Since then, their staff and volunteers have helped thousands of Tucsonans adapt to their disabilities.

I had the opportunity to tour their ranch facility off of Tanque Verde Road. I'm proud that Tucson's Ward 2 hosts the program.

I'd like to close with two reminders.

One is that I want you all to remember that the Ward 2 Office is your office. We have three meeting rooms that are available for the community to use. As long as you are not selling a product or a service, you can reserve one of our rooms for your organization, whether it be Cub Scouts, neighborhood associations or a bowling league. Among the people we host are a writers' group, the Society for Creative Anachronism and a

robotics club.

If you'd like to reserve one of our rooms for your organization, give the Ward 2 office a call at 791-4687.

For a long time we have also hosted Teen Court and the Community Justice Board. Both of these are diversion programs for youth. Being able to host these groups keeps me connected to my previous life as a probation officer. I am also hoping to provide some space to juvenile probation in the near future.

Secondly, remember that our semi-annual Shred-It event will be on October 11. As usual, you can bring your shreddables to us between 8 am and 11:30 and Shred-It will have their truck here so you can watch them be securely shredded. The first box you bring is free, but we ask for a donation for any boxes you bring after the first.

In the past, we've asked for donations to the Community Food Bank. This time, we are asking for \$5 donations to Sunnyside Athletics. If you have a

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donation of non-perishable food, we are still a drop-off location for the food bank and you can bring your donations by any time.

We are also going to institute a six box limit this year. I regret that we have to do this, but we've had some long lines and it is often hard to serve everyone if someone brings ten to fifteen boxes or more.

Have a great weekend.

SHRED IT

Our next semi-annual community shred will be on Saturday, October 11. Bring your documents to our office at 7575 E Speedway to be securely shredded between 8 and 11:30 am, or until the last truck fills up. Because space in the truck will be limited, we are asking that you bring no more than six boxes.

Shredding your first box is free, but we are asking that if you bring additional boxes that you make a donation to Sunnyside School District Interscholastic Athletics. We are asking for a \$5 donation per box after the first.

THE SUN IS COMING TO TUSD

Tucson Unified School District's Governing Board has authorized the construction of solar electric systems at 40 plus District schools and facilities (including Whitmore Elementary). The systems will be provided at no cost to the District. Solar panels will be integrated onto shade structures and located at functional and cost-effective places, primarily playgrounds and parking lots.

To learn more about the solar shade structures to be installed at our schools attend a community presentation on:

Wednesday, October 15

Lee Instructional Resource Center (L.I.R.C.)

2025 E. Winsett Street, Tucson, AZ 85719

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: We have reduced the number of barricades on site to make the drive through the area a little less confusing, until we get the final rubberized asphalt down. We made daily adjustments to barricades as those final dirt areas were covered with asphalt. We appreciate your patience.

There is a high demand for the rubberized asphalt in town, and our paving days for those were originally October 16 to 21. This may change by a day or two in either direction depending on the availability of rubberized asphalt for all the projects throughout town that need it. We estimate it may be October 20 to 24 at this point in time. We will keep you updated.

Once the rubberized asphalt is down, we will install temporary striping (at night) and remove the barricades. After the rubberized asphalt has set up for 30 days, we will bring in the final thermoplastic (reflective) striping.

The final irrigation and landscaping work is still going on, so please be careful driving near our landscapers as they work.

The businesses located in the construction area are planning a Block Party on Saturday October 25, 2014. This should be a great event, and is intended to thank their customers for their patronage.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: The contractor has started the demolition, clearing, and grading on this project. As you may have noticed, the construction trailers have been relocated to Houghton between Golf Links and Old Spanish Trail, on the west side of the road. Thanks to Mr. Joe Yee for providing this location opportunity to our contractors.

It is estimated that this project will take four months to complete. Specifically, we anticipate it will take two months to complete the paving for the parking, roadway, and bus drop-off/pickup areas, and two months to wait for the arrival and installation of the bus drivers' building.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is wrapping up. We hope to have road construction started at the end of October. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and is 90% complete, with only removal of old pipe left to finish.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP overhead, and Diversified will be performing the underground work. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 85% complete on the distribution lines, and 80% complete with their underground work. Some of the delay on this is due to access to properties where right of way is being negotiated.

Kleven was relocating for Century Link and their work is completed.

Cox and Time Warner lines are still on the old TEP poles that need to come down, and we are working with them to try and get their relocations completed.

All barricading for utility relocations has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked utilities to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean. We have also asked them to be respectful of private property, even in areas where the utilities have easements with the homeowners.

Art: We are setting up a technical team meeting with our artist team for sometime next week. This will give the artists a better idea of their technical constraints and help move them forward in their concept phase. We are hoping to have them at our Ward 2 Citizen Design Review Committee meeting we want to schedule in the next few weeks, and then at an open house we are looking to put together before the end of the year.

The artist team selected for this project is Donovan-Olmstead-Slenning. If you would like to look up some of their past work, you can find it on the Tucson Pima Arts Council website:

<http://www.tucsonpimaartscouncil3.org/dynamic/publicart/collection/collection.asp> You can look them up in the "gallery" by artist name if you are interested.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

The seniors of the Eastside Senior Club will have an opportunity to attend a field trip to the Buckelew Farms on Thursday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

A field trip to the Freedom Center Halloween Party will be offered to senior club members on Thursday, October 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00. The party will include music, dancing, costume contest, lots of fun and food.

Signs ups for the above mentioned events are taken at the front desk of the Carol West Senior Addition; 791-4121.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Fall 2014 Leisure Classes: The Tucson Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of fun classes including Pottery, Arts and Crafts, Jewelry Making, Photography, Gymnastics, and lots more. Fall Leisure Classes run August 24, 2014 through November 29, 2014. Registration for Session II continues.

The Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog can be picked up at any Parks and Recreation facilities, all Wendy's locations in the City, and in many of the local libraries. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

The Spring 2015 issue of the Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available on Monday, November 10, 2014 at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

WINDS Concert Schedule: The WINDS concerts are winding down and the last concert will take place October 4. The concert will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park. Come out to the park and enjoy music under the stars!

Farmers Market: The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The park is located at 400 S. Sarnoff Road, between Broadway and 22nd Street. The market has a variety of fresh produce and organic foods. Come out to the park and shop around for healthy and tasty foods.

Fall Swim Schedule: The Fall schedule is now in affect and began July 31, 2014. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 9 (note that this is not on a Tuesday). Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

